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1. SUMMARY. JOSE FERNANDEZ OF MFA ASEAN SECRETARIAT BRIEFED US JUNE 20 ON THE NEW SCENARIO FOR PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS ON US/ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. ASEAN PROPOSES THAT JOINT US/ASEAN WORKING GROUP MEET ON JULY 18-19 RPT JULY 18-19 IN MANILA VICE JULY 7-8. GOP URGES US TEAM TO COME ON JULY 18-19 WHICH IS THE BEST THE ASEAN COORDINATOR COULD OBTAIN FROM HER COLLEAGUES. ACTION REQUESTED; PLEASE CONFIRM THAT US TEAM CAN COME
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ON JULY 18-19. END SUMMARY.

2. JULY 18-19. MALAYSIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8 HAS FORCED A POSTPONEMENT OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR US/ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. THERE WILL BE NO SECOND ASEAN EXPERTS MEETING, BUT ASEAN WILL HOLD A PREPARATORY MEETING ON JULY 17. US/ASEAN MEETING

IS PROPOSED FOR JULY 18-19. GOP URGES USG TO ACCEPT NEW DATE.

3. ENERGY. PROPOSED ENERGY MEETING ON JULY 10-11 HAS BEEN SCRAPPED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS, ENERGY WILL BE PART OF THE AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

4. PROJECTS. ASEAN HAS REAFFIRMED ITS PROPOSED AGENDA TRANSMITTED IN MANILA 09117. THE FIRST SEVEN PROJECTS ARE FIRM PROPOSALS. SMALL INDUSTRIES PROJECT HAS BEEN DROPPED. DITTO FOR THE SINGAPORE IDEA OF AN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADMINISTRATION. THERE IS STILL POSSIBILITY OF A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECT.

5. ASEAN ACCEPTS USG ADVICE OF CAUTION ON TAKING ON TOO MANY PROJECTS AT ONCE. PREPARATORY MEETING ON JULY 17 WILL THEREFORE RANK PROJECTS BY PRIORITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH US TEAM.

6. US PAPER. GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR US/ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION TRANSMITTED IN STATE 154057 WERE TYPED AS US PAPER AND PASSED TO FERNANDEZ JUNE 20, WHO SAID HE WOULD CIRCULATE IT IMMEDIATELY AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS.

7. ASEAN DELEGATIONS. HEADS OF DELEGATIONS WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTORS GENERAL OF VARIOUS NATIONAL ASEAN SECRETARIATS -- MRS. MANALO, THEP THEWAKU OF THAILAND, TAN BOON SENG OF SINGAPORE, HUSSEIN KASSIM OF MALAYSIA, AND UMARJADI NJTOYIJONO OF INDONESIA WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HIS OLD JOB (JANAWAR DAJANI IS NOW ACTING).

8. DONALD L. FIELD. FERNANDEZ WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT DONALD L. FIELD EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WOULD ATTEND US/ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MEETING PER STATE 154626. SINCE MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18-19, FIELD SHOULD COORDINATE WITH EA/EP AND RE-SCHEDULE HIS TRAVEL ACCORDINGLY.

9. GEBER/MANALO MEETING. FERNANDEZ SAID THAT MRS. MANALO WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH TONY GEBER ON PREPARATIONS OF MINISTERIAL BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER JULY 18-19 MEETING. HE WAS INFORMED THAT MICHAEL YAKI WOULD JOIN GEBER IN PART OF MEETING PER STATE 152805. MURPHY

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